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In re Application of: RICHTER, Mark M. *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 18, 2002

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the official action dated July 23, 2002 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expires on October 23, 2002.